

## PRESS RELEASE

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## NATIONAL DEFENSE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NDPAC) ENDORSEMENT

Endorsement of Commander Tom O'Malley, United States Navy (Ret), Candidate for the United States House of Representatives (MA-9)



NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC today announces with great pride its endorsement of Commander Tom O'Malley to represent Massachusetts' 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the United States Congress. His is a life of service to the nation. Commander O'Malley is Navy combat veteran and served with distinction in both the enlisted ranks and as a commissioned officer. His assignments included combat in Vietnam and tours in three ships. CDR O'Malley joined the Naval Reserve in 1985. He simultaneously

maintained a successful civilian career in the airline industry and rose to serve in multiple management positions including General Manager of the Pan Am Shuttle in Boston MA. He obtained a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. After 9-11, CDR O'Malley was recalled to active duty and served in several assignments including command tours at Inshore Boat Units 21 and 22. He deployed multiple times to the Persian Gulf in command positions. His final

assignment was as Chief of Ops, Interagency Action Group, HQ USCENTCOM.

Some of Commander O'Malley's military awards are the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, seven Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, one with Combat V, and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and the Combat Action Ribbon.

National Defense PAC Executive Director, CAPT Robert Bernardon USN (ret) remarked that "CDR O'Malley's career has exemplified that of the nation's oldest type of patriot, the citizen sailor. He has held demanding and important jobs in both the civilian sector, and as a Naval Officer. Always available when the nation calls, CDR O'Malley put an impressive civilian career on hold to serve his country in the aftermath of the terror attacks of 9/11. This exceptional dedication to service to both the civilian sector and his fellow sailors is a prime reason why he would make a great legislator, and makes this endorsement an easy call."

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of the National Defense PAC in my candidacy for the United States Congress," said Commander O'Malley. "I am passionate about representing all service members, our veterans and their families and look forward to doing so during my service in the Congress. Treatment of our veterans must be vastly improved. I am particularly concerned about our national defense and homeland security. The protection of our citizens and the homeland is my highest priority." CDR O'Malley expressed his deep frustration at the recent Iranian capture of the riverine crews and their boats. "Training and execution must be paramount in preparing our forces to properly perform under difficult and dangerous situations."

For all of these reasons, the National Defense Political Action Committee enthusiastically endorses CDR Tom O'Malley USN (ret), for election to the United States Congress from the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Massachusetts. For further information about his campaign, go to: <a href="http://www.omalleyforcongress.com">http://www.omalleyforcongress.com</a>.

## ABOUT THE NATIONAL DEFENSE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

NDPAC's mission is to support the national interests of the United States by maintaining a strong American national security establishment as a matter of public policy through a non-partisan open political action committee. To achieve that goal, NDPAC supports military veterans pursuing election or re-election to legislative state-wide and national political office. Candidates are vetted, in writing, on their clear intentions to actively support a strong national security prior to receiving NDPAC endorsement. NDPAC has been active for more than twenty years and has a strong record of supporting winning candidates for elected office. Contributions are welcome from all. For further details regarding National Defense PAC, see our website at: www.NationalDefensePAC.org.